

# St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

*'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'*

**Sunday 15th September, 2024**

**10am Service** *led by Kerry Marshall*

*Music led by Dorothy Finlayson*

## Welcome and Notices

### Call to Worship:

*God's Glory in Creation from Psalm 19:*

How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what God has done!

**Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next.**

No speech or words are used, no sound is heard;

**Yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth.**

God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race.

**It starts at one end of the sky and goes across to the other.**

Nothing can hide from its heat. May our words and our thoughts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our refuge and our redeemer!

**\*Hymn: Morning Has Broken (WOV 91)**

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day.

### **Gathering Prayer:**

**\*Hymn:**            **Our life has its seasons**            (*LWSB 38*)

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons  
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,  
for there's a connection with our resurrection  
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

Refrain:    So there's never a time to stop believing,  
                  there's never a time for hope to die,  
                  there's never a time to stop loving,  
                  these three things go on.

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,  
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,  
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,  
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.

Refrain:

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,  
a time to be saving, a time to spend,

a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,  
a time for beginning, a time to end.

Refrain:

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**Readings:** Proverbs 1: 20-33  
James 3: 1-12

**Reflection:** *“James - a challenge to how we live”*

**\*Hymn:**            The Servant Song            (*LWSB 48*)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

Let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I might have the grace to

let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.

We are travellers on the road.

We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,

When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,

we will find such harmony;  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

### **Prayers of intercession:**

*During which we will sing*

**\*Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness**

*(SLANE) interspersing verses with prayer (WOV 546)*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***The Lord's Prayer:***

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and  
forever.  
Amen.

**Offering:**

**Receive and bless these gifts and our lives, Lord. We offer them  
in response to your steadfast love revealed in Jesus. As He  
transformed people's lives with healing power, so may more  
lives be transformed through these gifts, our love and our  
witness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen**

**\*Hymn:     They'll Know We Are Christians     (LWSB 53)**

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love

### **Benediction:**

The peace of God be in your heart

The grace of God be in your words

The love of God be in your hands

The joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings.

### **THIS WEEK'S NOTICES**

#### **Helping Today**

**Greeters:** Jill McConnochie & Margaret Greig

**Offering:** Liz Willis

**Bible Reader:** Marian Eagle

**Music:** Dorothy Finlayson

**Flowers:** Marian Eagle

**Grounds:** Paul Hentschel

### **Helping next service, 22nd September 2024**

**Greeters:** Kerry & Penny Marshall

**Offering:** Janice Tucker

**Bible Readers:** Jill McConnochie

**Music:** Pam Clare

**Flowers:** Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

**Grounds:** Murray & Lynne Arnold

### **Prayer Focus:**

Let us pray for: -

- \* Ministry among us: **Jitterbugs**
- \* Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Rural Chaplaincy**
- \* Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**
- \* Parishes in our Presbytery: **Waipukurau**

### **Induction for Rev Dr Mark Johnston and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly:**

Mark and Carolyn's induction will be held on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**, followed by fingerfood refreshments. Keep the date free.

### **Care and Share:**

We are delighted to announce that the "Tiffany Singers" will entertain us at the next Care and Share gathering on **Monday, 23rd Sept at 1.30pm** in the Lounge. All welcome. *Dorothy (for the group)*

### **St Paul's Weekly Prayer time**

As you may be aware, a weekly prayer group meets on **Thursday mornings at 9am** in the Church to pray about various issues. Our main

focus is preparing for the arrival of Mark and Carolyn and the new ministry that will shape St Paul's for the future. All are welcome.

### **Recycling of Soft Plastics:**

In the foyer/hallway there is now a bin for soft plastics. You may bring your **clean and dry** soft plastics from home, if it is easier for you, than returning them to the supermarket. Richard will then deliver them for us.

### **Eco Corner**

“The singer of **Psalm 148** calls on all elements of the heavens to praise the Lord, and in verse 5 provides the reason. Why ought creation praise God? Because, the psalm singer says, **at God's command all was created**, the same word used in Genesis 1 to describe God's creative activity.” (*Genesis 1:1, 21, 27*)

*Nancy deClaisee-Walford*

### **Bible Readings for Monday 16th September to Saturday 21st September 2024**

#### **Monday, September 16, 2024:**

Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20;

#### **Tuesday, September 17, 2024:**

Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11;

#### **Wednesday, September 18, 2024:**

Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36;

#### **Thursday, September 19, 2024:**

Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;

#### **Friday, September 20, 2024:**

Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32;

#### **Saturday, September 21, 2024:**

Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39;